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1. The SNB station at Ceske Velenice has been reinforced with an additional 50 members and with 15 members of the People's Militia. An accurate list of all inhabitants in this area is being made, and travel there is forbidden. Travel permits are issued by the STB only to politically reliable persons and for only short periods of time. Suspect persons are subject to severe personal search at the railroad stations. The forbidden area, which covers about 3 km, is to be marked off shortly. Even local inhabitants are to be denied access to this area, and the local SNB station is to give permission only for urgent trips. Landowners are given three-month permits to work their fields, women one-year permits. Such permits may be withdrawn at any time and extension of time may be refused without reason.
2. There are three permanent controls on the road between Berg and Petrzalka, a distance of 6 km. These controls search not only vehicles but persons travelling by bicycle or on foot. Only cars with foreign registration numbers are not searched.

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3. The SNB unit at Tachov consists of 40 men. The STB unit has five men and one woman, the criminal office three men. SNB border units in the Tachov district are located as follows:

- a. Halze, 40 men
- b. Jalovy Dvur, 40 men
- c. Horni Studenec, 35 men
- d. Dolni Studenec, 35 men

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- e. Schoenwald, 35 men
- f. Rozvadov, 40 men; 7 customs guards
- g. Primda, 35 men.

The army has an ammunition storehouse in Tachov at the SNB quarters and one in Jalovy Dvur.

- 4. SNB units in the Vimperk area are as follows:
 - a. Kvilda, 40-50 men
 - b. Borova Lada, 8 men
 - c. Kunzvalt
 - d. Polka
 - e. Frantiskov (049/R25)
 - f. Filipova Hut
 - g. Modrava
 - h. Horni Vitavice
- 5. A customs border zone is being formed in the Vimperk area to include the following towns: Lenora, Horni Vitavice, Frantiskov, Kvilda, Filipova Hut, and Modrava. People who live in the border area are given one-year permits to enter the customs zone. Permits of shorter duration are also issued.
- 6. Since the spring of 1950 a new SNB rank has been introduced: junior sergeant (mladsi strazmistr). SNB members do not wear any insignia of rank on their uniforms.
- 7. The provincial stations of the SNB are being abolished. The regional stations will be located in the SNB district units and in the large industrial cities only. It seems that the government fears the cities more than the villages and wants to have stronger units to cope with discontented workers.

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